

CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLYCOUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORTTOPIC Schoenwalde AirfieldEVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                     DATE OF CONTENT                      50X1DATE OBTAINED                      DATE PREPARED 14 May 1951 50X1-HUMREFERENCES                      50X1-HUMPAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 2 - two sketches 50X1-HUMREMARKS                      50X1-HUM

1. On 19 March 1951, single-engine aircraft practiced flying at the Schoenwalde (N 53/3 66) airfield between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. On 20 March, there was flying with single-engine and twin-engine aircraft at the field from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On 25 March, four political officers, including a lieutenant colonel, a major, and two captains, all of whom wore blue and green service color, arrived at the field.  
☐ The officers were picked up by a passenger car. 50X1-HUM
2. On 26 March, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., there was flying with 19 single-engine aircraft which took off in separate elements of two and assembled in two formations in the air. It was observed that single-engine planes were parked in hangar No 10 and twin-engine planes in hangar No 11. Twin-engine aircraft were parked in front of hangar No 12 which had no rear wall and in which only damaged aircraft have been seen. Single-engine planes whose number and arrangement changed daily were parked south of buildings No 9 and 10. (1) 50X1-HUM
3. On 28 March, Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov, (fnu), and another air force officer inspected the lockers in all rooms of building block 23. There was intensive activity on the landing field and in the hangars between 28 and 30 March. Some officers ☐ passed the examination. 50X1-HUM
4. At 6:30 a.m. on 30 March, an alert was practiced by the air force unit. All officers of the flying personnel, technicians, ground personnel, and ~~MI~~ assembled within a few minutes. Shortly afterwards the aircraft took off from the field.
5. On 31 March, a farewell party was given for the commander of the field, Colonel Voreschinski, (fnu), who was to be transferred on 4 or 5 April. (2) It was learned that the political officer, Lieutenant Colonel Nikitin, (fnu), who had been transferred to the U.S.S.R. was formerly assigned to a unit. 50X1-HUM
6. The border of the landing field was marked by red lights fitted on poles about 5 to 6 meters high and approximately 50 to 60 meters apart. Another red light was on top of the wind-mill southwest of the field. The lamps were switched on every night.

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8. On 3 April, ten single-engine aircraft practiced flying at the field between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The weather was clear. Twelve other single-engine planes were parked in front of the hangars. On 4 April, six twin-engine planes practiced flying from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in clear weather. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
9. On 4 April, truck [redacted] hauled two boxes belonging to Colonel Vereshchinski, (fnu), to Potsdam. Colonel Vereshchinski, (fnu), left for the U.S.S.R. on 5 April. He [redacted] was going to take a train from Potsdam-Wildpark to Riga where he would meet his wife and [redacted] after his leave he had to go to a place where all the generals were stationed (sic), and [redacted] he would be promoted to general after his leave. 50X1-HUM  
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10. On 5 April, there was flying with single-engine and twin-engine aircraft between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. in clear weather. An alert was practiced from 8 to 10 a.m. and all of the officers and EI [redacted] rushed with their baggage to the landing field. Tank trucks [redacted] moved rapidly to the loading ramp where they were refueled from a railroad tank car. The same alert was [redacted] repeated at 9:30 p.m. 50X1-HUM  
On 6 April, there was flying with nine single-engine aircraft from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in clear weather. 50X1-HUM
11. [redacted] 63 officers, including pilots, technicians, four sergeants and office personnel ranking as officers were quartered in building No 23. [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] a total of 80 EI who wore black-bordered blue epaulets were quartered in building No 24. The roll call was held by a captain, and two senior lieutenants [redacted] All three officers wore the technician insignia. Immediately after roll call, the 80 EI marched in three groups to the landing field and returned about noon. 50X1-HUM
12. It was repeatedly observed during the period of observation that EI wearing red-bordered black epaulets were given training by NCOs with black-bordered blue epaulets at the athletic field. There were also air force troops who were trained by artillery NCOs.

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- (1) Since there are no indications that the occupation of the field has been changed, one ground attack regiment and one air reconnaissance regiment are still believed to be stationed in Schoenwalde. For layout sketch of airfield, see Annex 1.
- (2) Colonel Vereshchinski, (fnu), is the commander of the ground attack regiment stationed in Schoenwalde.
- (3) Lieutenant Colonel Medvedev, (fnu), was previously reported as chief of staff of the ground attack regiment.

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- (5) For sketch of badges worn by technicians and pilots, see Annex.

2 Annexes, two sketches.

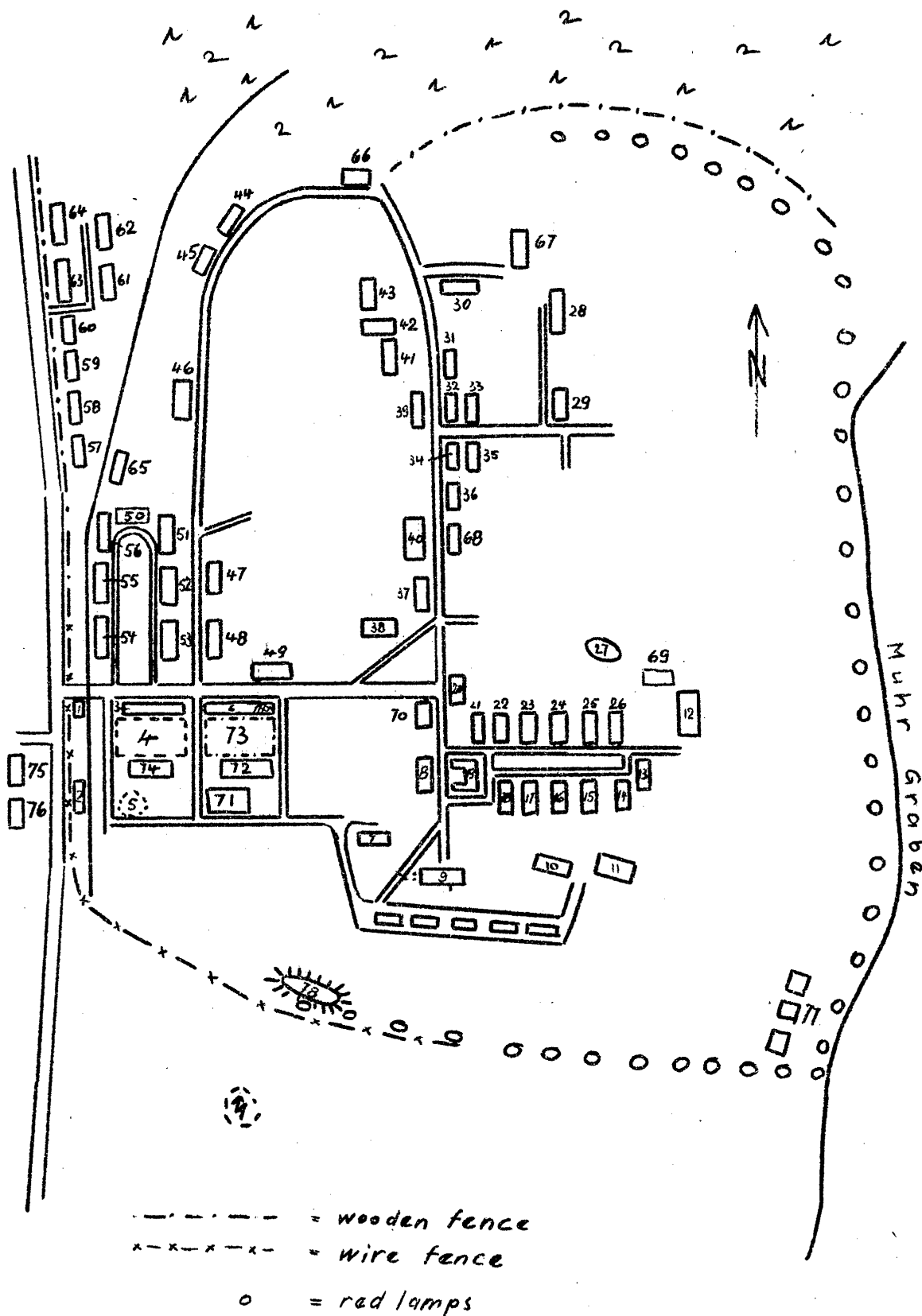
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Annex 1

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Layout Sketch of Schoenwalde Airfield



Legend: See next page.

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Legend:

1. Southern guardhouse.
2. Loading ramp.
3. Garages occupied by trucks and artillery pieces of artillery unit.
4. Parking area of artillery unit.
5. Scrap dump.
6. Garages of air force unit, eastern section still destroyed.
7. Engineers' house, ground floor used as a garage for passenger cars, first floor occupied by at least six air force engineers, including one major and two captains.
8. Heating plant.
9. Headquarters building [ ] in front of it two sentries and a gate with one sentry. 50X1-HUM
- 10 - 12. Hangars.
13. Barracks installations for elements [ ], probably officer candidates. 50X1-HUM
- 14 and 15. Barracks installations for flying personnel of twin-engine aircraft.
16. Building occupied by air force officers.
17. Class rooms and billets for flying personnel of twin-engine unit.
18. Warehouse.
19. Kitchen for officers quartered in building No 23 and for engineers quartered in building No 7.
20. Kitchen.
21. Barracks building occupied by air force [ ].
22. Warehouse.
23. Barracks building occupied by officers, pilots and technicians [ ] 50X1-HUM  
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24. Barracks buildings with classrooms and billets for pilots and technicians.
25. Barracks building occupied by IVD and others; a sentry is posted in front of the building.
26. Warehouse.
27. Athletic field.
- 28 and 29. Houses occupied by generals.
- 30 - 32. Buildings whose use is unknown.
34. Barracks building occupied by air force soldiers.
35. Unknown.

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- 36. Same as item 34.
- 37. Unknown.
- 38. IVD building, with sentry in front of it.
- 39 to 49. Unknown.
- 50. Headquarters building of artillery unit, with two sentries.
- 51 to 56. Barracks buildings quartering artillery soldiers.
- 57 to 71. Unknown.
- 72. Garage used by air force unit, partly damaged .
- 73. Garage used by air force unit, surrounded by a fence, with fuel tank installation.
- 74. Garage used by artillery unit.
- 75 and 76. Clothing depots.
- 77. Guarded ammunition bunkers.
- 78. Guarded bunker.

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Annex 3

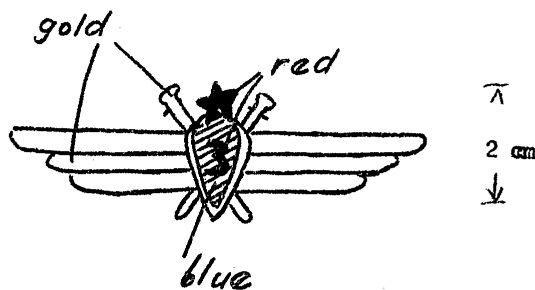
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Sketches of Badges Worn by Air Force Technicians and Pilots

Technicians.



Pilots.



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